

# *Impacting someone's life is an* **INCREDIBLE FEELING**

**Every day, you walk into our schools and do more than just a job—you ignite possibilities.** Whether you are in the classroom, the front office, the cafeteria, or the hallways, your passion is the heartbeat of Grand Island Public Schools. The GIPS Foundation exists to fuel that passion, turning your dedication into scholarships, innovative grants, and a lasting legacy for every student we serve.

## **Why Your Support Matters**

The impact of the GIPS Foundation isn't just measured in dollars; it's seen in the eyes of a student who realizes they can go to college, or a teacher who finally has the tools to bring a dream project to life. We are filled with gratitude for the opportunities this Foundation provides, and we feel a deep responsibility to ensure those doors stay open for the 10,000 students following in our footsteps.

## **Together, We Are a Powerful Force**

From our educators and specialists to our maintenance, nutrition, and custodial teams—every single one of you plays a vital role in shaping the future. When we stand together, we are more than just a staff; we are a community of dream-builders.

## **Your Impact in 2026:**

- **Fuel Dreams:** Providing the resources for students to reach higher.
- **Ignite Passion:** Empowering staff to lead with innovation.
- **Ensure Equity:** Creating a future where every single student thrives.

Since 2004, GIPS staff have invested an astounding **\$1.7 million** into the lives of our students. The beauty of this campaign is its reach: **For every dollar you contribute, the Foundation multiplies its impact, directly benefiting our students.**

## **The Werner Challenge**

Rooted in a deep, multigenerational love for Grand Island Public Schools, Tom and Lynne Werner are honoring their family's teaching legacy with a **\$5,000 matching gift**. From Tom's mother's 40-year career to their children's success, the Werners know that teachers shape lives. To celebrate these educators, they will match every new or increased donation dollar-for-dollar, doubling your impact on the classroom grants that fuel our students' futures.

## **Show Your GIPS Pride**

To celebrate our collective spirit, any staff member who donates **\$84 or more (just \$7 per month)** will receive an exclusive 2026 GIPS Foundation long sleeved t-shirt to wear with pride.

## **Let's make 2026 the most empowering year yet!**

Every gift, no matter the size, tells our students that we believe in them. We appreciate your support!



## *Why I* **GIVE**

Megan Danner & Becky Waind - Elementary School Co-Chairs  
Lacy Biberos, Erin Brooks & Lauren Bokowski - Middle School Co-Chairs  
Rosemary Osborne & Lauren Schumacher - Senior High Co-Chairs